

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 19, 2013  
O'Fallon Township  
801 E. State St.  
O'Fallon, IL 62269

CALL TO ORDER at 7:01 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Supervisor Gary Ahle, Highway Commissioner Mark Downs, Town Clerk David M. Witter, Trustees: Jeff Bevirt, Kenneth Joseph and Douglas Scott; Deputy Town Clerk/Recorder Debbie Allsup and Recorder Sheri Heil.

Others present: Gary Fohne, Martin Ercoline, Sr. and Dennis Smith

A motion was made by Trustee Kenny Joseph to excuse Trustee Gary Hursey from the meeting and seconded by Trustee Doug Scott.

Trustee Gary Hursey and Township Attorney Cory Easton arrived at approximately 7:03 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE TOWN FUND AND GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND

BUDGET HEARING HELD ON MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2013

A motion was made by Trustee Doug Scott to approve the minutes of the Town Fund and General Assistance Fun Budget Hearing as presented and seconded by Trustee Jeff Bevirt. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Trustee Kenny Joseph to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented and seconded by Trustee Doug Scott. Motion Carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Ahle said the O'Fallon Prince and Princess tickets are available at the Township office. Ahle said Harriet Baker was running things from a different location for the last two (2) years but has decided to come back to the Township.

Ahle asked the board their thoughts on changing the schedule of Board Meetings to a single meeting each month. Trustee Joseph said he doesn't feel it would be appropriate at this time and should continue with two (2) meetings a month for some time with the new board members. Joseph added if the board goes to one (1) meeting a month, that would double the board's salary and doesn't know how that will go. Trustee Scott agreed with Joseph that it should stay the way it is for now. Trustee Hursey said it doesn't matter to him one way or the other. Trustee Bevirt agreed with Hursey and Joseph.

Supervisor Gary Ahle made a motion to keep the Township Board meetings to twice a month and seconded by Trustee Kenny Joseph. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – aye; Scott – aye. Motion Carried.

Ahle said there is a Newly Elected Education Seminar on July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at Rend Lake Resort in Whittington, IL. If anyone is interested in attending, please make arrangements at the Township office. A brief discussion followed. Trustee Doug Scott said he would like to attend but prefers to wait until there is a seminar closer. Town Clerk Dave Witter said the seminar for newly elected officials if very informative compared to the continuing education seminars held throughout the year.

APPROVAL OF SUPERVISORS BILLS

Town Fund	\$	36,935.01
General Assistance Fund	\$	2,914.63

Trustee Jeff Bevirt made a motion to authorize the payment of the Supervisor’s bills to be paid accordingly and seconded by Trustee Doug Scott. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – aye; Scott – aye. Motion Carried.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

Highway Commissioner Mark Downs reminded everybody of the Road District Budget hearing is set for June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 9:00 A.M. at the Township office.

Downs stated the Road District had done the following during the weeks of June 1, 2013 to June 14, 2013:

(See attachment A)

Downs informed the board he will not be at the next meeting on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013. He will have his report ready for the board and will have one of his lead guys at the meeting to answer any questions.

A brief discussion followed about Downs making use of local businesses to purchase material for the road district. Trustee Hursey said he likes the idea of shopping locally.

APPROVAL OF HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER’S BILLS

Permanent Road Fund	\$	2,217.01
Road & Bridge Fund	\$	18,244.27

Trustee Gary Hursey made a motion to authorize the payment of the Highway Commissioner’s bills to be paid accordingly and seconded by Trustee Kenny Joseph. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – aye; Scott – aye. Motion Carried.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

No report.

## TRUSTEES REPORT

No report.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### SENIOR REPORT

Trustee Doug Scott reported the Township Senior Committee dinner will be on Thursday June 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 P.M.

### YOUTH REPORT

Trustee Kenny Joseph reported the Swim Party at the O'Fallon Park on Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 P.M. for kids' ages 11 – 14 years. Trustee Jeff Bevirt added the Bank of O'Fallon put the information on their marquee. Youth Committee Secretary Susan Parkinson placed an ad in the O'Fallon Progress and fliers were passed out to the schools before summer break. Along with swimming, there will be music, food and attendance prizes.

### PLANNING REPORT

Trustee Gary Hursey said the committee is in need of two (2) members since the resignation of Bill Woods and Richard McQueen. When Bill Woods resigned, he gave two (2) referrals: James Trame (11633 Richwood School Rd.) and Jason Kunz (9658 Old Lebanon Troy Rd.) Hursey added since the last meeting he received additional names: Tom Hurlburt and Marty Ercoline, Sr. At the last Planning meeting, the Committee said they would like to have a person on the committee from the east side of the township.

Hursey asked the board if they have any preferences about the people listed. He thinks Marty Ercoline would be a good person because he attends the board meetings and he lives in Brookfield subdivision. A brief discussion followed.

Supervisor Ahle told Hursey they do not have to fill both positions right now. Ahle said Ray Kelly is another person who showed an interest in filling the position and he lives on the extreme west side of town. Trustee Joseph said if Trame or Kunz would be interested, he thinks the Committee members should be spread out around the Township. Hursey needs to have a chance to speak with them to see if they are still interested. A discussion followed.

Trustee Gary Hursey made a motion to appoint Marty Ercoline, Sr. to fill one of the open seats on the Planning and Zoning Committee and seconded by Trustee Doug Scott.

Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – aye; Scott – aye. Motion Carried.

Trustee Hursey questioned how to go about speaking with the other people who expressed an interest in the Committee position. Trustee Bevirt suggested sending an invite to attend the next meeting and speak to whoever shows up.

### AFTER PROM REPORT

No report.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Gary Hursey brought more information regarding the current telephone and internet charges. Hursey said the Township can save quite a bit by switching to Charter for both telephone and internet. Going with Charter, the cost would be \$49 for telephone with two (2) lines and \$55 for the internet which would greatly increase the internet speed from 1,500(k) to 30,000(k). Hursey said there would be some savings with the telephone and increasing the internet speed quite a bit. Hursey said it is a month to month agreement with no contract. There is a \$49 install each on the internet and the telephone. The current telephone numbers transfer over to Charter so there is no change with that. Deputy Clerk Debbie Allsup asked if the Wisper e-mail would be lost. Hursey in most cases, old e-mail address continue to work even though you do not subscribe anymore but he does not guarantee that. The O'Fallon Township e-mail will move right along to Charter if decided to go with them. Ahle asked Hursey if he sees any downside to this. Hursey said in the long run, he does not see a downside for neither the telephone nor the internet. Attendee Marty said he has Charter for his telephone too. With all the new laws and FCC, those fees are incorporated into his \$29 monthly fee. Is it the same for a business? Hursey said taxes are the same no matter what. For commercial, there are fees. Town Clerk Witter asked if they go with Charter phone should they get a battery back up. Hursey said there should be a battery back up on everything here. A brief discussion followed pertaining to power outages and loss of telephone. Hursey said a battery back up for telephone will last for hours. Allsup if one goes out, do both go out? Hursey said no because the telephone and internet are on separate modems. More discussion followed.

Supervisor Ahle suggested the topic be put on the agenda to roll call at the next meeting whether or not to switch telephone and internet over to Charter. All agreed.

Supervisor Ahle said the new chairs for the hall will be picked up on Tuesday June 25<sup>th</sup> at Sam's Wholesale Club with help from the Road District. Ahle said he wants to keep forty (40) of the old chairs in case a resident might want to borrow them. The rest will be donated. Trustee Bevirt said the Boys Scouts could use them and they would come and pick them up. All agreed to keep forty (40) of the best chairs and donate the rest. A brief discussion followed.

Supervisor Ahle wanted to let Trustee Hursey and the other board members know that the County Planning Committee had their meeting on Thursday June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 regarding property owned by Charles Penn on Memory Lane. Ahle said they overruled the Township Planning Committee's decision to not allow Mr. Penn to put a new mobile home on his property. He believes the decision may be motivated because of a zoning or a planning and mapping error on the property.

## NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Ahle brought the Approval of the Prevailing Wage Rate Ordinance No. 13-03. Trustee Bevirt said it's something they have to do every year.

Trustee Jeff Bevirt made a motion to approve the Prevailing Wage Rate Ordinance No. 13-03 as presented and seconded by Trustee Doug Scott. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – aye; Scott – aye. Motion Carried.

Trustee Gary Hursey asked why the board has to approve this ordinance. Deputy Clerk Allsup said it's a state statute. A brief discussion followed.

Supervisor Ahle informed the board of a hall rental request submitted by Pat Johnston (representative of Pet O'Fallon, LLC) for the purpose of a meeting on Tuesday July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Supervisor Gary Ahle made a motion to approve the hall rental request submitted by Pat Johnston from Pet O'Fallon as presented and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey. Roll Call: Hursey – aye; Bevirt – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – Aye; Scott – aye. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Jeff Bevirt to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Trustees seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey. Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

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David M. Witter  
Town Clerk